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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Rowing events
National Rowing Magazines
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Circular No. 4 of 2016



Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2016 FISA Congress Agenda Papers

The Agenda Papers for this year's Congress are now available on line at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

As a demonstration of sustainability, paper copies of the Agenda Papers will not be sent by post but will be available for delegates at the Congress in Rotterdam.

2. 2016 FISA Ordinary Congress – Location, Attendance & Transport

Notice was provided in Circular No. 3 that the 2016 FISA Ordinary Congress will be held at 09:00 hrs on Monday, 29 August 2016 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Registration will begin at 08:00 hrs. The Congress will take place at the following location:

Mainport Hotel
Leuvehaven 77
3011 EA Rotterdam
The Netherlands
T +31 (0)10 217 57 57
www.mainporthotel.com

- a. Member National Federations (NFs) are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the “Congress Attendance Form”. Forms are to be received at FISA headquarters no later than 29 July 2016. The form is found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>
- b. NFs sending delegates to the Annual Congress are advised to book their accommodation early. Accommodation should be booked through the Organising Committee (OC) rowing.netherlands@atpi.com. For the delegates who book accommodation through the OC, transport will be arranged from their hotel to the Congress venue and on to the airport afterwards, as required.

NFs/Delegates must inform the OC of their transport requirements by 19 August 2016, including number of Congress delegates, whether they are returning to the hotel after the event or going directly to the airport, etc. The OC will then provide a transport schedule which will be communicated at the venue (Team Information Centre) and at each hotel reception area the day before the Congress.

Delegates booking their accommodation independently of the OC will be responsible for their own transport arrangements between the hotel and the Congress venue and afterwards on to the airport.

3. National Federations Conference, Rotterdam, NED

The National Federations Conference will take place on 29 August following the FISA Congress, from 14:00-17:00 hrs. It will be devoted to continuing discussions related to preparing the FISA Extraordinary Congress and aligning with the IOC's Agenda 2020. More information will follow.

Information papers will be posted at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/conference>

4. 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress Information

The Japanese Rowing Federation will be hosting this important Congress in Tokyo from 9 to 12 February 2017.

Delegates should plan to arrive during the day on Thursday, 9 February 2017. Congress will begin early Friday morning and will continue until Saturday evening. A tour of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Rowing Regatta venue is planned for Sunday morning. Departures should take place during the day on Sunday.

5. FISA Lounge Passes in Rio de Janeiro, BRA

FISA invites two (non-accredited) representatives of each National Federation to receive passes to the FISA Lounge at the top of the grandstand in Rio at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. These two representatives must hold a grandstand ticket in order to get access. Already accredited persons will have access to the FISA office and lounge, and will not need this pass. Rio2016 and the IOC require the submission of personal details so that a security check can take place in advance. NFs are asked to submit the two names and requested details into this electronic form by 7 July 2016:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/rio-2016-olympic-games-guest-pass/>

6. National Federations Reception in Rio de Janeiro, BRA

FISA invites two representatives of each National Federation attending the Rio 2016 Olympic Regatta to a reception on Thursday, 11 August 2016 from 12:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs. The reception will take place very close to the venue, just across the road from the spectator entrance to the rowing venue:

Clube Monte Libano,
Av. Borges de Medeiros, 701
Leblon, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22283-040,
Brazil

National Federations are asked to submit the names of their two representatives using this electronic form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/2016-olympic-rowing-regatta-nf-reception-lunch/>

7. World Rowing Coastal Championships – Entry Changes

As presented on the FISA website and in Bulletin N°1, a limit has been set for the number of entries for each of the 6 events to ensure safe and fair racing.

Group	Event	Max. entries	Number of heats
Group A	CM1x, CW2x and CW4x+	40	2
Group B	CW1x CM2x and CM4x+	60	3

In case an event is over-subscribed, the non-pre-ranked crews from each National Federation will compete on Thursday, October 20th at a pre-qualification race. This means that it will not be a random draw as initially presented. The process and numbers will be announced on 27th September 2016.

8. 2015 FISA Anti-Doping Survey Results

A summary of FISA's survey results of all anti-doping tests undertaken in rowing in 2015 is presented below. 62 National Federations responded to this year's survey and show a total of 5,337 tests made in the sport of rowing. The Federations that did not respond to this survey may be subject to sanctions by the FISA Executive Committee.

	In Competition- (including pre- comp blood tests)	Out of Competition	Total Tests	Anti-doping Rule Violations
FISA/WADA/other international events	269	245	514	6
Reported by NFs	1'302	3'521	4'823	22
Total	1'571	3'766	5'337	28

The detailed results of the 2015 FISA Anti-Doping Survey can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/athletes/medical-and-antidoping/antidoping>

9. 2016 to 2019 World Rowing Long Term Events Calendar

This long term calendar can be accessed using the following link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments